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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Area Directors  
From: Dr. Michael Lancaster  
Chief of Clinical Policy

RE: Request for Applications for MH/DD/SAS Trust Funds

Attached is a Request for Applications (RFA) for use of MH/DD/SAS Trust Funds. This RFA is for proposals specific to Mobile Crisis Management to increase crisis services community capacity throughout the State. Mobile Crisis Management is "a second-line" crisis service that should be considered for both rural and urban areas. As indicated in the Report of the Surgeon General of the United States, "Mobile Crisis" service along with other services within the Crisis Services Continuum is a promising way to respond to adult and child mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse crises.

Mobile Crisis Management services must be delivered by a team of practitioners employed by a mental health/substance abuse/developmental disability provider organization. Mobile Crisis Management services shall be made available at all times, 24/7/365. This crisis response provides immediate evaluation, triage, access to acute mh/dd/sa services, treatment, and supports, and a safe transition of persons in acute crises to appropriate crisis supports/services.

The objectives of this RFA for Mobile Crisis Management is to create up to ten (10) pilot sites to begin the foundation of building Mobile Crisis Management across the State of North Carolina. It is our hope that this service will provide greater access to mh/dd/sa services and connect consumers with the right service or treatment at the right time. We must begin to achieve a greater accountability of our resources and invest in what works. This RFA for proposals specific to Mobile Crisis Management is an opportunity for Local Management Entities (LMEs) to lay the foundation for an enhanced Crisis Services continuum.

Local Management Entities (LME) may submit an application in response to the RFA to the Division. Applications must be received by the Division no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. Please refer to the attached information regarding the specific requirements for the RFA.



## Enclosures

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